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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM - SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR
MEETING WITH MPLA'S UN REPRESENTATIVE (S/S 7618531)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AF/WILLIAM SCHALFELE

1. IN CONTEXT OF AMBASSADOR SHERER'S SCHEDULED MEETING
WITH ANGOLAN REPRESENTATIVE FIGUERIDO AT 3 PM ON SEPT 2,
I SUGGEST YOU MAY WANT TO HAVE AMBASSADOR SHERER RAISE THE
FOLLOWING POINTS. THESE WERE PREPARED WITH NETO'S APPROACH
THROUGH THE SWEDES IN MIND AND THE FACT THAT WE BELIEVE
FIGUERIDO MAY BE RETURNING TO LUANDA IN A FEW DAYS FOR
CONSULTATION.

BEGIN TEXT

--WE WANT FIGUERIDO TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE DESIRE AMICABLE
RELATIONS WITH ANGOLA AND AMB. SHERER SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT
WE HAVE NO QUARREL WITH THE PRESENT REGIME ITSELF.

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--IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES TO PROMOTE

STABILITY AND PEACE IN CENTRAL AFRICA. THE PRESENCE OF
LARGE NUMBERS OF FOREIGN MILITARY PERSONNEL IN ANGOLA DOES
NOT HELP ACHIEVE THIS GOAL NOR DOES THE CONTINUATION OF

WIDESPREAD GUERRILLA WARFARE WHICH HARMS NOT ONLY ANGOLA
BUT ZAIRE AND ZAMBIA AS WELL. THE ONE IS INEXORABLY TIED
TO THE OTHER.

--WE CAN UNDERSTAND ANGOLA'S NEEDS FOR FOREIGN TECHNICIANS.
WE WOULD HOPE ANGOLA COMPREHENDS THAT THIS UNDERSTANDING
CANNOT BE EXTENDED TO THE PRESENCE OF A NON-AFRICAN ARMY
ON THE CONTINENT. CAN FIGUERIDO CLARIFY ANGOLA'S
INTENTIONS TOWARDS THE CONTINUED LARGE CUBAN MILITARY
PRESENCE?

--OUR REACTION TOWARDS ANGOLA'S FUTURE ADMISSION TO THE
UN WILL BE CONSIDERED IN THE CONTEXT BOTH OF CUBAN
MILITARY WITHDRAWALS AND OF THE RESULTS OF OUR SOUTHERN
AFRICAN INITIATIVE.

--FIGUERIDO'S VIEWS WILL BE REPORTED TO THE SECRETARY.

--YOU SHOULD NOT RAISE NETO'S APPROACH. IT IS POSSIBLE
FIGUERIDO IS UNAWARE OF ITS EXISTENCE. IF HE SHOULD ASK
YOU FOR OUR REACTION TO IT, TELL HIM YOU WILL HAVE TO ASK
FOR GUIDANCE BEFORE REPLYING. END TEXT.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT YOU APPROVE THE FOREGOING TALKING
POINTS.

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